

Group IV, claims 32-37, drawn to methods of identifying upstream regulators of IKK; and Group V, claims 38-40, drawn to methods for assaying IKK activity.

Election of Claims

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect, without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-23. However, Applicants expressly reserve their rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming the benefit of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

CONCLUSION

No fee other than the filing of the extension of time is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-2518**, referencing billing no. 7001052001. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Should a telephone advance prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 849-4950.

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